

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, July 24, 2008 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (222 new fires)
New large fires:	7
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:	35
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	10
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Four MAFFS C-130 air tankers are supporting the State of California. All aircraft are based at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Charles Davis, 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina. Two aircraft are provided by the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina and two from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Australia and New Zealand are providing 44 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Canada is providing two crews to California.

**Northern California Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	23
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	21
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Area Command Team (Lohrey) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. NIMO Team (Whitney) is supporting the ONCC Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

**Iron and Alps Complexes** (4 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with upslope runs, backing, single tree torching and spotting. Several communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Lime Complex** (10 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). IMT 1 (Larsen) ordered to manage the Yolla Bolly Complex. Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened.

**Ukonom Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with wind driven upslope runs, single and group tree torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**Siskiyou Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Dietrich). IMT is also managing the Blue 2 fire. Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Moderate fire activity with occasional single and group tree torching with isolated short crown runs. Structures and cultural sites threatened. Forest road, campground and trail closures in effect.

**Blue 2**, Six Rivers NF. Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with occasional single and group tree torching. Cultural sites threatened. Trail and road closures in effect.

**Bear Wallow Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with spotting. Residences threatened. Recommended evacuations and trail closures in effect.

**BTU Lightning Complex**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Streblow). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Minimal fire activity.

**Canyon Complex** (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). IMT 2 (Sciacca) ordered. Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Active backing fire with minor upslope runs and single tree torching. Communities and archeological sites threatened.

**Hell's Half**, Six Rivers NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Quesinberry) to IMT 2 (Joseph) will occur. Eight miles southwest of Burnt Ranch, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short upslope runs and isolated single and group tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Soda Complex**, Mendocino NF. Unified command between IMT 2 (Fiorella) and Cal Fire (Bradley). Fifteen miles northwest of Upper Lake, CA. Timber. Smoldering. Residences threatened.

**SHU Lightning Complex**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen) back to local unit today. Shasta and Trinity counties, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**American River Complex**, Tahoe NF. Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	68,292	5,671	62	8/15	2,008	329	55	124	9	1	29.3M	FS
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	130,936	21,866	65	8/15	1,592	-36	34	75	9	4	34.7M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	30,231	1,139	24	9/15	712	0	15	27	3	0	13.6M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	54,559	1,759	36	8/8	1,024	-32	24	43	11	0	18.2M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	4,814	0	25	8/12	370	0	8	15	3	0	3.8M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	6,532	1,328	0	8/15	185	30	6	1	3	0	1.3M	FS
BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	59,440	0	90	7/24	1,657	-169	39	96	6	117	76.7M	ST
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	34,821	901	79	7/31	1,357	-70	31	67	7	3	34.1M	FS
Hell's Half	CA	SRF	15,132	2,145	85	7/24	443	-143	6	33	3	1	11.8M	FS
Soda Complex	CA	MNF	8,652	34	90	7/26	850	-10	24	29	3	4	15.5M	FS
SHU Lightning Complex	CA	SHU	86,500	0	95	7/25	767	-205	17	37	0	22	52.8M	ST

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
American River Complex	CA	TNF	20,541	0	95	8/1	111	-397	2	4	3	2	23.0M	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 93  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Evans Road**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

**South 1**, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Active surface fire and ground fire in organic soils.

**Well 35**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-six miles west of Mineral Wells, TX. Chaparral. Active fire behavior.

**Lamkin**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-one miles east of Comanche, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**3M Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land thirteen miles east of Johnson City, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**717 Fire**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land one mile west of Caddo, TX. Juniper and brush. Active fire behavior.

**Parkway**, Cherokee NF. Three miles northeast of Cosby, TN. Logging slash. Creeping and smoldering. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	40,704	0	75	8/31	275	-8	0	37	1	4	15.9M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/31	86	-7	1	5	1	0	8.8M	FWS
Well 35	TX	TXS	2,530	0	80	UNK	13	-11	0	3	0	0	NR	PRI
Lamkin	TX	TXS	3,000	0	60	UNK	13	1	0	1	0	5	NR	PRI
3M Ranch	TX	TXS	1,500	300	90	UNK	21	9	0	2	2	0	NR	PRI
* 717 Fire	TX	TXS	400	---	80	UNK	9	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Parkway	TN	CNF	170	0	5	UNK	6	---	0	0	0	0	4K	FS
Bethela Grove	TX	TXS	110	0	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Willie Varner	MS	MSS	720	---	100	---	14	---	1	2	0	0	NR	ST
Mepkin	TX	TXS	450	0	100	---	0	-3	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Camp Spring	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	1	NR	PRI
Bradley Ranch	TX	TXS	800	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission

**Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 21  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

**Basin Complex**, Los Padres NF. Unified Command between IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hutchinson). Five miles southeast of Big Sur, CA. Timber, brush and slash. Active fire behavior with backing, upslope runs and isolated torching. Communities threatened. Voluntary evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Gap**, Los Padres NF. Six miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Basin Complex	CA	LPF	142,617	4,395	72	7/30	1,684	-109	40	114	10	58	70.4M	FS
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	97	7/28	47	0	2	0	1	4	2.0M	FS

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Echo Canyon**, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. Three miles west of Billings, MT. Grass. Rapid upslope runs with torching. Residences threatened.

**Brown**, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands, FS. Twenty miles north of Marmarth, ND. Brush. Active fire behavior.

**Wood Hump – WFU**, Bitterroot NF. Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Heavy logging slash. Creeping and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Hell’s 1/2 Saddle – WFU**, Bitterroot NF, Twenty-four miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Echo Canyon	MT	SOS	700	---	0	7/24	10	---	0	3	1	0	NR	ST
* Brown	ND	DPF	1,500	---	0	7/25	63	---	0	21	0	0	20K	FS
* Wood Hump - WFU	MT	BRF	195	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Hell's 1/2 Saddle - WFU	MT	BRF	235	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS
Cactus	MT	CES	518	0	100	---	142	-13	3	1	3	0	298K	ST

CES – Central Land Office

### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Cold Springs**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,980	0	98	8/1	1,042	-94	30	25	3	0	8.0M	FS

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 26  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Kraft**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles northwest of Maybell, CO. Grass and sagebrush. Rapid rates of spread with crowning and spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Kraft	CO	LSD	300	---	10	7/28	32	---	1	3	0	0	NR	BLM

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 25  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Mill Hollow - WFU**, Ashley NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Eighteen miles north of Helper, UT. Timber. Backing fire, creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mill Hollow – WFU	UT	ASF	696	0	N/A	N/A	110	-3	5	2	0	0	580K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warmer and drier conditions will develop across the West as a high pressure ridge builds over the area. Thunderstorms will decrease and move east across the Continental Divide and the Four Corner states. The southeastern half of Texas will see scattered showers and thunderstorms.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Thunderstorm Safety

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
  - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
  - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
  - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
  - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	1				4	7	12
	ACRES	2				2	29	33
Northern California	FIRES	3	1			13	6	23
	ACRES	4	0			4,017	3,847	7,868
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	14	5	21
	ACRES		1		1	119	3	124
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	3			5	4	15
	ACRES	7	11			800	1,520	2,338
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		1	6	16	25
	ACRES		0		0	118	4	122
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	14			7	4	26
	ACRES	0	251			8	0	259
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					91	2	93
	ACRES					1,425	7	1,432
TOTAL	FIRES	8	22	0	2	142	48	222
	ACRES	13	266	0	1	6,489	5,413	12,182

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		11	15	1	269	2	298
	ACRES		689	1,238	0	54,395	0	56,322
Northwest	FIRES	189	85	4	13	414	396	1,101
	ACRES	10,425	53,138	1,397	2	6,658	4,016	75,636
Northern California	FIRES	115	16	5	22	1,989	672	2,819
	ACRES	117	26	161	6,427	278,768	374,840	660,339
Southern California	FIRES	41	77	11	16	2,447	301	2,893
	ACRES	316	2,599	863	12	14,494	273,460	291,744
Northern Rockies	FIRES	820	36	9	2	503	237	1,607
	ACRES	9,750	1,055	4,510	5	43,186	2,232	60,738
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	27	230	2	10	229	177	675
	ACRES	457	5,256	493	133	7,167	4,391	17,897
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	154	2	10	45	32	251
	ACRES	10	11,500	1	4	3,157	50	14,722
Southwest	FIRES	582	198	6	44	659	690	2,179
	ACRES	20,621	80,932	347	926	263,250	91,498	457,574
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	326	167	23	17	388	194	1,115
	ACRES	962	1,877	2,003	289	109,801	1,781	116,713
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		12	18	7,253	275	7,873
	ACRES	1,899		251	264	46,118	1,696	50,228
Southern Area	FIRES	750		175	50	31,158	489	32,622
	ACRES	52,576		18,716	53,707	1,467,438	36,331	1,628,768
TOTAL	FIRES	3,173	974	264	203	45,354	3,465	53,433
	ACRES	97,133	157,072	29,980	61,769	2,294,432	790,295	3,430,681

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>50,367</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,394,376</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,000	1,000
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	35	13	3		98	159
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	107	175
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	4,464	28,994
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	16	55	5	24	147	263
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	21	5	7	14	49	99
	ACRES	200	2,925	346	700	2,290	11,656	18,117
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	22	60	9	12		126	229
	ACRES	2,900	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,809	106,292
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	25	27	105	17	44	111	329
	ACRES	2,679	2,560	18,415	4,438	5,330	33,263	66,685
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		413	21	1,258	117	1,854
	ACRES	30,265		56,407	1,096	74,157	33,843	195,768
Southern Area	FIRES	25		63	82	416	832	1,418
	ACRES	14,613		42,913	60,846	237,640	865,626	1,221,638
TOTAL	FIRES	171	178	680	169	1,777	1,720	4,695
	ACRES	54,280	52,352	172,039	70,297	325,726	1,051,220	1,725,914

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		6,217	15,477	1,299	3		22,996
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						6,105	6,105
Southern California	FIRES				8		6	14
	ACRES				28		9,674	9,702
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				1		452	453
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				0		708	708
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		81		0		21	102
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,615	10,727
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		2		2	7
	ACRES		200		0		1,403	1,603
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	17	21	1	43	93
	ACRES	0	6,498	15,478	1,440	3	30,522	53,941

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	28	685	963	10,319
Yukon Territory	1	0	56	15,027
Alberta	9	656	1,108	10,099
Northwest Territory	1	0	124	104,666
Saskatchewan	4	27,637	536	745,859
Manitoba	2	7,300	331	112,240
Ontario	2	2	161	398
Quebec	5	3	156	1,276
Newfoundland	2	0	90	3,210
New Brunswick	0	0	139	128
Nova Scotia	0	0	223	2,573
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	402	62	1,561
Total	55	36,684	3,949	1,007,359

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